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3. (Twice Amended) A network router comprising:
- a plurality of trunk ports, including a composite port of plural ports to plural trunks which serve as a composite trunk to a common destination;
  - a routing fabric for transfer of data packets between trunk ports; and
  - an output port selector which selects an output port for a packet from a composite port according to an output port mapping, the output port mapping being adjustable.

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7. (Twice Amended) A method of routing packets in a network comprising:
- identifying a destination of the packets;
  - selecting one of plural trunks forming a composite trunk to the destination, the trunk being selected according to an output trunk mapping, the output trunk mapping being adjustable; and
  - forwarding the packets toward the destination on the selected trunk.

Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (pages i).

Please add new Claims 11-14.

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11. (New) A router as claimed in Claim 3 wherein the output port mapping is dynamically adjustable to balance load across the trunks of a composite trunk.
12. (New) A router as claimed in Claim 3 further comprises a table defining plural output port mappings and the output port selector determines the output port within a composite port by table lookup.
13. (New) A method as claimed in Claim 7 wherein the output trunk mapping is dynamically adjustable to balance load across the trunks of a composite trunk.
14. (New) A method as claimed in Claim 7 wherein the trunk is selected by a table lookup.